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My dear Mr. Fox,

If what I write herein might add to be written be kind enough to consider that it never was written. Every now and then Mrs. Barrett reminds me that she wants "to get down stairs". You probably know better than I what that means — most likely it refers to some position on the floor below the Adjusters Room where the work is lighter, the hours of duty less, and the pay at least as good as in the other place. Over here all Government employees before the day of Civil Service Reform used to appeal about once a month to their "influence" for promotion, or transfer, or something else where or in which they fancied they would be better off. Mrs. Barrett has been about Washington at odd times, and has



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Yours Sincerely  
Jas. N. Tyner

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